



CHURCH DIARY FOR May 2008

Thursday, May 1st - Ascension Day

7.30 pm Holy Communion at Ogbourne St Andrew

Sunday, May 4th - Sunday after Ascension Day

10.00 am All-age service

Sunday, May 11th - Pentecost

8.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday, May 18th - Trinity Sunday

9.30 am Parish Communion

Sunday, May 25th - Trinity 1

9.30 am Matins

There will be a midweek service of Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10.00 am at Holy Cross

From the Register

9th April	RIP	Burial of Cyril Peter Bolt
11th April	RIP	Thanksgiving Service for John Carwithen
12th April		Marriage of Abigail Waller and Richard Barratt

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Contributions for the next issue by 20th May please



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WHAT'S ON IN OGBOURNE ST GEORGE THIS MONTH

May

6 & 20 Ogbourne Little Fishes 1.45-3.00pm at the Church. All pre-school children and their parents and carers are welcome.

8th Parish Council - Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting. 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Easter Smartie Tube Collection

There were only 144 tubes of Smarties in the carton we had from the cash and carry, and so we ran out before getting round to every house in the village (which explains why some of you had a lucky escape!) but a very big thank you to those of you who supported this collection in aid of church funds. The current total is over £800 which is absolutely terrific, and some people have told us they are still collecting. We have been back at least once to every house where a tube was delivered, but if we've missed you and you have a contribution which you would like collected please let Charlotte Frost know (841361). Thank you so much.

Please Can You Help Sponsor My Visit to the Gambia?

This July the Marlborough Brandt Group (MBG) is sending a group of 6th form students from St John's School and Marlborough College to Gunjur, a small fishing village in The Gambia, to develop a Skills Centre and continue the 25 year link between the two communities. In order to take part in the trip, I need to raise £900 to fund the cost of my flights and accommodation and I would be extremely grateful for any sponsorship.

MBG is a non-profit charity, costs are minimal. If I can raise more than the £900 needed for travel the surplus will be used towards completing and equipping the Skills Centre. On my return I will produce a report on how the project went.

If you would like any more information on the trip or how to sponsor me please feel free to contact me on: 01672 841166 or 07814367280. Alternatively, my email is

pollywollywoodle10@hotmail.com The MBG website is www.mbg.org

Thank You POLLY MILTON

The Village Hall 100 Club winners (numbers drawn by the bellringers):

1st: 68 Tiggy Grove 2nd: 79 Hazel Thompson 3rd: 62 Chris Allen

Recycling - An Invitation

Ogbourne St. George & St. Andrew Primary School pupils invite you to join in with their "Re-Use" project which is part of their school's recycling initiative and community involvement.

Where? Ogbourne St. George & St. Andrew Primary School,

When? Monday 16th of June at 9.00am

What? You can bring your Bag2School bag (or a black bin liner) filled with any of the following quality second items: ladies', men's and children's clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts, handbags. All items are for **Re-Use**. No Bric-a-Brac please. The bags will be available at the school from Friday 6th June 2008, and each pupil of the school will be given a Bag2School bag during the week commencing 2nd June 2008. For people who unable to drop off their bags on Monday morning we will be able to take bags on Friday 13th June between 5.30 pm and 8.00pm. This is a fund raising scheme and the School will be paid 30p per kg. For further details contact Rebecca Macdonald [rebecca.macdonald@core-support.co.uk]

Success for the Golfers from the Inn with the Well



Yet more news of success amongst our village athletes!! Three teams, sponsored by the Inn with the Well, entered the first round of The Publican Pub Golf Challenge held at Knighton Heath, Bournemouth. This is the 3rd year that representatives from the pub have entered this competition but this was the biggest number of entrants to date. All three teams were successful in qualifying for the next round and one team actually came third on the day. Team members include Donald Cook, Andy Harrop, Rob Ashby, and David Hall: Amit Patel, Chris Allen, Will

Sandison and Tim Jones: and the team that came third (pictured above) Barrie Reardon Smith, Ron Eisey, Richard Thomas and Tom Heppell.

No doubt all of Ogbourne St George will be wishing the teams the best of luck as they move on to compete in the Area Heats to be held at Salisbury and South Wilts later this month.

Ogbourne St George on Line - coming soon

Ogbourne St George website is close to being up and running. At a recent meeting of the website committee, Paul Scott, who has spent many hours of his own time designing the site, unveiled the draft version. Members of the committee will now be assisting Paul in providing the final pieces of information needed to get the website underway. All is now set for a grand launch next month so watch this space for details of this exciting new venture which you will be able to access for details of all aspects of Ogbourne St George village life.

Spotted in the Village!



Most villagers will be familiar with the sight of Sid Bolt walking through the village with his 4 Dalmatians – and sometimes the additional visitor! For those of us who are dog owners and struggle to get to "sit" and "stay" we can only be envious and marvel at the perfect behaviour of the dogs and the control that Sid has over them. But these dogs are not just beautifully behaved pets they are also show dogs. Harry, pictured here, was recently made a Champion at Manchester and then went on to win the Limit dog class for Dalmatians at Crufts. Sadly, his

dad, Billy, who competed in the Open dog Class didn't get placed. However getting Harry and his father Billy ready for competition entails a great deal of work as Sid reports:

"Both Billy and Harry were in fine fettle having clocked 80 miles during the week leading up to Crufts to prepare them for the show so the evening before it just meant a bath and toe nail clipping. The thing with Dalmatians is you get what you see - you cannot hide their condition under a coat of hair.

It was an 8.30am start at the NEC on a Friday so I had the Birmingham work traffic to contend with. I managed to get there for 7.30 which meant a 4am get up Ugh! We then had to stay until 4pm so it was a really long day for them. Harry's success in the Limit dog class was particularly significant because there are so many foreign dogs coming over to compete and Crufts gets ever more competitive. To make up for all the waiting around at Crufts and all the washing and titivation in preparation for the Show I took them out around the downs the day after to get 'muddied' up again. I have to say it near kills me all this exercise but I am reliably informed that it is supposed to do you good!!

So the show season is about to kick off again and I will be spending most weekends in one or another part of the country. But you meet many friends, have a laugh, see parts of Britain that you would not normally see and there are also the health benefits of many miles of dog walking. Overall it is a very enjoyable hobby."

Saying Goodbye to Jane and Lukas

Last month a crowd of regulars from the Inn with the Well gathered to say goodbye to Jane and Lukas, the Slovaks who worked at the Pub over the last year. It was testament to their popularity that such a large number turned out to wish them every success in the future. The couple came here to improve their English and enhance their prospects for work back in Slovakia. They have now returned home to prepare for their wedding and Ogbourne St George will still be in their thoughts on their big day since several villagers are planning to travel to Slovakia to attend the ceremony.

Fish and Chips - A van calls at the village every Monday from late afternoon until 7 pm selling a variety of take away food including fish and chips.